(*a*) the Villages under the jurisdiction of the Vadakkancheri Registry Office ;
(*b*) the Villages under the jurisdiction of the Chelakkara Registry Office ;
(*c*) number of documents registered from each of these Villages for the last 10 years ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Two statements containing the information are placed on the table.

70. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of documents registered in the Vadakkancheri Registry Office in the following years.—
1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117 & 1118;
(*b*) powers attested to in the respective years;
(*c*) number of copies under sections 50 and 57 of the Registration Act;
(*d*) the total amount realised for the respective years;
(*e*) are Government aware of the increase of work in this Office ?

Mr. B. V. K.Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*)

Year	*No. of Documents*	*Year*	*No. of Documents*
1113	2633	1116	2961
1114	2441	1117	3563
1115	2664	1118	4141

(*b*)

	No. of Powers		*No. of Powers*
1113	22	1116	28
1114	20	1117	34
1115	17	1118	44

(*c*)

	Section 50	*Section 57*		*Section 50*	*Section 57*
1113	81	16	1116	130	21
1114	89	44	1117	136	24
1115	95	25	1118	146	33

(*d*)

	Rs.	*A.*	*P.*		*Rs.*	*A.*	*P.*
1113	3,673	2	3	1116	5,431	11	0
1114	4,447	6	6	1117	6,815	10	3
1115	4,363	12	0	1118	9,074	5	3

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. President: I suggest that where answers take this form that should be put in the form of appendix.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In answer to sub-division (*e*) the Government have stated that they are aware of the increase in the work of the Registry Office. May I know whether it is not possible for the Government to consider to have another Registry Office for Cheruthuruthy.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In view of the volume of work as seen from the statement placed on the table Cheruthuruthy and the adjoining villages will not suffice for a separate office to be opened.

PROMOTION OF GRADUATE CLERKS AS REGISTRARS

71. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the present rule of confining the promotion of graduate clerks with the necessary Special Test qualifications as District Registrars to the graduate clerks of the Registration Department introduced ;
(*b*) what was the previous rule ;
(*c*) have graduate clerks serving in departments other than the Registration Department been appointed as District Registrars prior to the coming of the present rule ;
(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, who are they and from which departments were they taken;
(*e*) are Government aware that the present rule has adversely affected the prospects of graduate clerks serving Government at the present time in Departments other than the Registration Department ;
(*f*) will Government view this matter sympathetically and consider the advisability of amending the rule and give a chance to such clerks for appointment as District Registrars ?

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) With effect from 21st September 1942.

(*b*) The previous rule was graduates with Registration Test.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) (1) K. P. Narayanan Nambiar, Co-operative Department. (2) V. Balakrishna Menon, Industries Department. (3) T. K. Venugopala Konar, Education Department.

(*e*) Graduates in other departments have scope for promotion in their own departments. Inter-departmental promotions are not ordinarily allowed in Government service.

(*f*) Government do not consider that clerks in other departments are unduly prejudiced by the existing rule.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Are there rules similar to this in respect of Departments other than Registration Department.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South)*: Were there not cases of clerks seeking promotion to this Department being refused promotion on account of the presence of this rule.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

DISTRIBUTION OF PADDY IN VILLAGE—ARRANGEMENT REGARDING

72. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they will be pleased to consider the desirability of having the paddy collected from one village in that village itself for distribution in the depots and to take away only the excess, if any, to avoid unnecessary cost of transit charges and to distribute the same in kind without conversion into rice?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The suggestion is not practicable.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know Sir, whether it is not the existing practice now to re-transport to the Villages paddy already conveyed from there once.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Sometimes it is necessitated; it is not a practice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In the light of that answer may I know whether it is not incurring an unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not unnecessary. It is sometimes necessitated.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I don't mean that the cost is unnecessary but it can be avoided.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not possible.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know the reason why?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Because it sometimes happens that there will be surplus paddy in one Village; there will be no stock in an adjecent area. So we will have to transfer paddy from the surplus Village to other Villages. It is not therefore always possible to retain in a Village the paddy grown there. As far as possible the paddy in one area is converted into rice in the same area and disposed of there.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In view of the last answer, may I request the Government to know whether their policy will be as much as possible to avoid unnecessary transport?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

RATION CARD HOLDERS IN THE STATE

73. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of rice ration card holders in the State.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 2,24,625.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: This is the number of cards issued. May I know the number of persons to whom rice is supplied according to ration cards?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 10,18,381 adults.....

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: I want the total number.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The total number is, 13,67,977.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: What is the population of Cochin?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: According to the latest Census Report, the

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